THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH; PILOT): (a) and (b) Government is keen to put an end to militancy and restore normalcy in the State, at the earliest. In order to bring the misguided youth into the main stream efforts are being made to create more employment opportunities for them. Discussions were recently held with various Government Agencies in this regard. Steps have also been taken to reactivate the industrial economic and developmental activities in the State. Discussions were recently held in Delhi and Srinagar with various Central and State Government Depart ments and official with a view to achiev ing these objectives. Efforts are also be ing made to activate the local Adminis tration and the grievance redressal ma chinery. All these initiatives have had a positive impact. At the same time pres sure is being mounted on the militants fo reduce the fear of the gun. Signifi cant successes have been achieved in this regard during the past few months.

Demand of rupees one thousand crore by Haryana for its new capital

357. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Haryana Government have demanded one thou's-and crores of rupees for the development of its new capital in Panchkula;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether the amount' demanded would be adequate enough to complete the construction work keeping in view the annual irate of inflation at around ten per cent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Flaring of, Gas

358. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHAR MA: Will the Minister of PETROLE UM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of natural gag being flared in the country during the last two years;

(b) whether Government have carried out a comparative study of loss due to gas flaring;

(c) if so, the results of the study; and

(d) the plan of Government to reduce flaring of gas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): ,a(In 1991-92 and 1992-93 approximately 11.2 MMSCMD and 5.08 MMSCMD respectively of gas was flared.

(b) and (c) At the relevant selling prices of gas, the estimated loss due to flaring was approximately Rs. 520 crores and Rs. 225 crores respectively.

(d) Additional compression and trans-portation facilities in the Western off-shore region, in Gujarat and in Assam; underground storage of gas in Assam: and increased utilisation of gas by eon.

sumers to whom gas has been allocated in Assam are some of the steps being taken to reduce the flaring of gas.

Import of Gas from West Asia

359. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHAND-RAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Min. ister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any plan is under Govern-ments consideration to import gas from West Asia;

(b) if so what are the reasons for import of gas when a large quantity of gas is being flared up daily: